

1 **EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR NURSING LICENSURE**

2 **AMENDMENTS**

3 2012 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Gene Davis**

6 House Sponsor: Merlynn T. Newbold

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8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This bill modifies the Nurse Practice Act by amending provisions for nursing education
11 programs.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This bill:

14 ▶ requires that to qualify graduates for licensure, a nursing education program shall:
15 • be affiliated with an accredited institution of higher education and be accredited
16 by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), the National
17 League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), or the Council on
18 Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA); or

19 • be approved by the board and comply with standards defined by division rules;
20 and

21 ▶ makes technical changes.

22 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

23 None

24 **Other Special Clauses:**

25 This bill takes effect on January 1, 2013.

26 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

27 AMENDS:

28 **58-31b-601**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapters 214 and 382

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30 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

31 Section 1. Section **58-31b-601** is amended to read:

32 **58-31b-601. Minimum standards for nursing programs -- Medication aide**
33 **training.**

34 (1) ~~[A]~~ To qualify as an approved education program for the purpose of qualifying
35 graduates for licensure under this chapter, a nursing education program shall:

36 (a) (i) be affiliated with an ~~[accredited]~~ institution of higher education ~~[in order to be~~
37 ~~approved by the division.]~~ that is accredited by the:

38 ~~[(2) The minimum standards a nursing program shall meet to qualify graduates for~~
39 ~~licensure under this chapter shall be defined by division rule.]~~

40 (A) Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools;

41 (B) New England Association of Schools and Colleges;

42 (C) North Central Association of Colleges and Schools;

43 (D) Northwest Accreditation Commission;

44 (E) Western Association of Schools and Colleges; or

45 (F) Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; and

46 (ii) be accredited by the:

47 (A) Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education;

48 (B) National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission; or

49 (C) Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs; or

50 (b) be approved by the board and comply with standards defined by division rules.

51 (2) An approved education program described in Subsection (1), may offer its didactic
52 courses using classroom, clinical, or online methods.

53 (3) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, and
54 the provisions of this chapter, the division shall make rules defining the minimum standards for
55 a medication aide certified training program to qualify a person for certification under this
56 chapter as a medication aide certified.

57 Section 2. **Effective date.**

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